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SUBJECT: OAU DEMARCHE CONCERNING US CONTRIBUTION
TO UNESCO

1. OAU ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY GENERAL ETEKI MBOUMOUA CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING REPORTS THAT THE US MAY CUT OFF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT UNESCO VOTE TO CUT OFF FUNDS TO ISRAEL. ETEKI SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO APPROACH ME BY THE AFRICAN GROUP OF UNESCO IN PARIS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE US PROVIDES ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS FOR UNESCO AND THAT THEIR ELIMINATION WOULD THEREFORE HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH BADLY NEED THESE FUNDS. HE REQUESTED THAT I BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF MY GOVERNMENT HIS HOPE AND REQUEST THAT THE US WOULD NOT TAKE SUCH ACTION AT THIS TIME.

2. I TOLD ETEKI THAT I WAS AWARE OF EFFORTS UNDERWAY
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IN CONGRESS TO CUT OFF US FUNDS TO UNESCO, THAT I

WAS CONFIDENT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD OPPOSE SUCH EFFORTS, BUT THAT I DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO PREDICT THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF THIS ISSUE. I PROMISED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF ETEKI'S CONCERN AND TO REPORT BACK TO HIM ANY INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY CONVEYED TO ME ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE OAU OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN ADDIS. ETEKI AGREED THAT THERE IS MORE PRESSURE BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES AT PRESENT TO MOVE THE OAU FROM ADDIS, ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL REQUEST OF THIS NATURE HAS YET BEEN SENT TO HIM. HE SAID THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE MUCH DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT AT THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN FEBRUARY. THE COUNCIL IS STILL SUPPOSED TO MEET IN ADDIS BUT HE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE VAGUE REPLY HE HAS RECEIVED FROM MOFA MINISTER OF STATE ARAYA IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR GUARANTEES REGARDING SECURITY AT THAT TIME. HE BELIEVES THAT MANY MINISTERS WOULD NOT COME TO ADDIS FOR A MEETING IN FEBRUARY AND THAT THE CHANCES OF THE MEETING BEING TRANSFERRED ELSEWHERE ARE THEREFORE CONSIDERABLE. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN, HOWEVER, IN THIS REGARD.

4. ETEKI EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT THERE IS NO DIALOGUE AT PRESENT BETWEEN ETHIOPIAN LEADERS AND THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE THOUGHT THE INTEREST OF ALL WOULD BE SERVED IF SUCH A DIALOGUE COULD BE ESTABLISHED. IN THIS CONTEXT HE REMARKED THAT THE NEW PMAC CHAIRMAN, GENERAL TEFERRI BENTI, HAS NOT YET MET WITH ANY AFRICAN OFFICIALS.

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